Richmond Football Club

FOUNDED 1884

Office Bearers - Season 1919

President:
A. WOOD, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:
E. J. Cotter, Esq., M.L.A.; D. Henry, Esq. (Chairman of Committee); E. H. King, Esq.; F. R. Murray, Esq.; Cr. H. R. Palling; A. Tietgens, Esq.

Committee:
Messrs. A. Aarons, J. Cook, T. Delaney, J. R. Dickinson, B. Goodwin, G. McIntosh, J. Mulcahy.

Players' Representatives on Committee:
Messrs. A. Bettles, P. H. Maybury, J. Shand (part of season), C. H. Hall (part of season).

Richmond Cricket Club's Representatives on Committee:
Messrs. J. H. Broughton (part of season), H. H. Jones, H. J. Gill (part of season).

Victorian Football League Delegates:
Messrs. W. A. Maybury and H. R. Palling.

Auditor:
George D. Gill, Esq., Qualified Accountant, 48 George-st., East Melbourne.

Captain: Mr. W. D. Thomas.

Vice-Captain: Mr. P. H. Maybury.

Coach: Mr. Norman Clarke.

Assistant Hon. Secretary: Mr. G. McIntosh.

Timekeeper: Mr. W. Baker.

Masseur: Mr. D. W. Beck.

Training Room Staff:
Messrs. J. Stokesberry (head), B. Jennings, M. Noble, A Rainford, G. Rainford, J. Watson, F. Watson.

Door Steward: Mr. D. Bauld. **Boot Studder:** Mr. F. Voigt.

Uniform Stewards: Messrs. T. Delaney and A. Tullis.

"First Aid": Mr. W. Driver.

Press Correspondent: Mr. W. I. Bicknell.

Selection Committee:
Messrs. N. Clarke, A. Bettles, T. Delaney, P. Maybury, W. Thomas.

Finance Committee:
Messrs. A. Aarons, J. Archer, G. McIntosh, W. A. Maybury, A. Tietgens.

Hon. Treasurer:
Mr. J. H. Archer, "Archers," Swan-street, Richmond.

Hon. Secretary:
Mr. W. A. Maybury, "Shandon," 8 Union-street, Richmond.

'Phone: Central 3724.

D. Don, F. Huggard, and G. Parkinson—absent. RICHMOND'S TEAM 1919. RUNNERS-UP FOR LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP Barron

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and

Balance Sheet

SEASON 1919.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the TOWN HALL, RICHMOND, on Wednesday Evening, MARCH 10, 1920, at 8 p.m.

A. Wood, Esq. (President), will take the Chair.

BUSINESS:

1—Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

2—Election of Office-Bearers.

3—Presentations.

4—General.

At conclusion of business a Musical Programme will be presented by well-known performers.

Conductor: Mr. J. Cook.

A Ballot for Election of Office-Bearers for Season 1920 will be taken. Polling, from 7 to 9; 5/6 Member's Ticket for 1919 must be produced to Poll Clerk to entitle to vote; 2/9 Tickets are not eligible to take part in voting.

Admission to Meeting by Member's Ticket for Season 1919.

THIRTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE-SHEET

OF THE

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

To be Presented to the Members at Richmond Town Hall on Wednesday, March 10, 1920, at 8 p.m.

Richmond, March 1, 1920.

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

The season of 1919 can be described shortly as "The Best Ever" in the history of the Richmond Football Club. Our Member's List increased by over 700 on Season 1918. Our receipts were the highest received in any year since the formation of the Club (incidentally our expenditure also "broke the record"). Our team for the first time fought their way into the Finals. In the League games we won the greatest number (12) won by our Club in any season since our advent to the League, and our Semi-Final against South Melbourne and Final against Collingwood were played on the M.C.C. Ground before the largest crowds and record "gates" of the Football Season of 1919, so that, as stated in our last Annual Report, your Committee's anticipation of a successful season has been more than justified.

THE SEASON.

Consistency on the part of our players was the dominant factor in the success of our team throughout the season. True, they had their "bad days" in common with all other teams; but taken throughout the season their play was consistently good, and, in battling their way into the Big Four at the end of the first round, they set the seal on their reputation, and can justly be described as one of the very best (if not the best) lot of players that have ever represented Richmond on the football field. Our lads were very solid and uniform throughout the team (and solidity in more senses than one is a splendid asset in the playing arena). They played well together, were fast and dashing, and

during the season put up some splendid games of football of the sort that the spectators delight to see. Their appearances in the Finals were much appreciated by the football public, whose sympathy and support were very gratifying to our team. Starting the season with three wins—against Essendon, Geelong, and Melbourne—gave us a very good "hop-off," and put our team into great heart. Then our old "snags" (Collingwood) got to work, and beat us on our own ground, after a really good game. Against Fitzroy, at Fitzroy, we were about due for a "bad day," and it duly arrived, as the "Maroons" won easily—a very bad display indeed on our part. Against South Melbourne, at Richmond, we went down again, owing to bad kicking in the first quarter, when we scored 1 goal 9 behinds to 4 behinds; and bad play in the second quarter, when South scored 7 goals 5 behinds to 1 goal 1 behind. In the last half of the game we picked up nine points, but South's lead was too great, and we were beaten by 20 points—evidently not quite recovered from our "bad day" at Fitzroy; still our team played very well with the exception of the second quarter.

The Big Recovery.—Our tally when we faced St. Kilda, at St. Kilda, on the following Saturday, was three wins and three losses, and as the "Belgian-Colored Saints" are notoriously hard to beat on their own ground our prospects of a win did not appear too rosy, especially as at half-time our boys were in arrears by 20 points, and it looked any odds on another defeat for the "Yellow and Blacks." During the interval our prospects of being in the Final Four seemed indeed "far far away," but, on resuming our boys, with their chances of success evidently slipping away, rose to the occasion splendidly and, fully justifying their name as "The Tigers," played grand football and, speedily wiping out their deficit of 20 points, went on and finally won the game by 9 points—a great performance that fully reinstated them in favor again. Mr. J. Archer, hon. treasurer, in appreciation of their fine win, presented a new hat to each member of the winning team.

Our next four games—against Carlton, Essendon, Geelong and Melbourne—were all victories to our lads, who thus put up a club record by winning five games in succession in League company. Our team at this stage of the season were playing splendid football, as their performances show, and were a very strong public "tip" for League Premiers, but, although winning, we did not come scathless out of the play, as our Captain (W. Thomas) in the match against Carlton had the misfortune to break his leg in two places, and the Club was deprived of his valuable services as player and captain for the remainder of the season. What this meant to our side can be realised, when it is the opinion of many good judges that Thomas in the whole of his long career had never played more brilliantly than when the unfortunate occurrence took place. We are pleased to state that he is about and at business again, but, unfortunately, it is very improbable that he can ever take the football field again. The sympathy of all will be extended to him in his real bad luck at the finish of his football career. He was one of those players who always played the game as it should be played—a credit to himself and the Club whose banner he played under. Against Collingwood, at Victoria Park, our team put up another splendid game, fully keeping up their fine reputation. We should have won, and would have won, but for "Dick" Lee, who got seven goals for Collingwood. We had a lead of 11 points at one time in the last quarter, but "freak" goal-kicking by the "Magpies" during that last term—when they got 5 goals 1 behind to 3 goals 1 behind—put us out of the game. Against Fitzroy, at Richmond, we won fairly easily; but against "South," at South Melbourne, another sensational performance on the part of "The Tigers" roused the crowd to enthusiasm. Entering the last quarter with "South" leading by 19 points, our team, playing with grim determination, wiped

out the big lead of the "Red and Whites," and actually led them by two points till close on time, when "South" broke through, got a lucky goal, and won by five points only. In this great last quarter we scored 3 goals 3 behinds to 1 goal 1 behind scored against us. The win was with South Melbourne—the honors with Richmond. We next were "at home" to the "Saints," and scored an easy win, and our Premiership prospects now looked very hopeful indeed. Our last "home and home" match was against Carlton, at Richmond, played before a record crowd for the season. This was the worst day of the season meteorologically—windy and dusty, changing to continuous rain just as the match started. The "Old Blues" fairly revelled in the sloppy conditions, and ran out fairly easy victors by 19 points. Our lads evidently could not get going in the wet. This finished our first round of matches for the season, and our score read as follows:—Games Won, 10; Lost, 6. Total Played, 16. A record for the Richmond Football Club in League Football.

THE FINALS.

Our team, having duly qualified for the Second Round, met South Melbourne on the M.C.C. Ground, on September 20, in the First Semi-Final, and won in gallant style by 10 goals 13 behinds to 9 goals 5 behinds, to the great delight of members and supporters. The public generally were also pleased to see a new club in the arena throwing down the gage of battle to the old formidable League champions, and doing so successfully. Unfortunately in this game, near the finish, Carew, our brilliant wing player, had his ankle broken, thus handicapping our side greatly by the loss of his services in the remaining games which meant so much to us. A first season player, "Bobby," was doing splendidly against all the crack wing players in the League, and to have such players as Carew and Thomas out of the side in the Finals through accidents was a hard knock to our Club. Carew is progressing favorably, and is in hopes that when the season is started he will be able to again take his place on the wing.

On October 4 we met Collingwood, our powerful neighbors and Doughty Rivals for the Premiership—the famous "Magpies"—(who were Minor Premiers for the Season) in the Final Match on the M.C.C. Ground. It was an ideal day for football, and a Record Crowd for the Season was present. Our team in this match reached the pinnacle of the season's performances by playing a splendid open, dashing game of football, and beating Collingwood by 10 goals 14 behinds to 6 goals 9 behinds. The huge crowd fairly "rose" at them as they went off the field proud victors in what was undoubtedly one of the finest games of football ever seen in a League Final. "The Tigers," every one of them, had played the game of the season, and amongst the first to congratulate them were their worthy opponents, the Collingwood team, who had so ably assisted them to make the game the great athletic spectacle that it was on all sides acknowledged to be.

October 11—**The Grand Final** ("Hic Jacet" R.F.C.)—We met Collingwood again to finally determine the Premiership of 1919. In view of our brilliant victory of a week back, we were "odds on favorites," and took the field with the fullest confidence; but, alas, our hopes were cruelly shattered, as from the first our team did not appear to play with the sure confidence of the previous week. A very strong north wind blew all day, making the game close and packed, and these conditions evidently suited Collingwood better than Richmond, as they beat us by 11 goals 12 behinds to 7 goals 11 behinds, and so left us in the position of Runners-up for Season 1919. The wind undoubtedly spoiled the game, which was not nearly so good to look at as the previous one. The Collingwood team adapted their play more readily to the altered conditions than our team did, and thereby won the League Premiership of 1919,

with Richmond in the highly creditable position of Runners-up. We have also the satisfaction of realising that during the season the wearers of the "Yellow and Black" have beaten every other team in the League Premiership Competition—another splendid record that the Club had not achieved since its foundation. And so we close our review of the Football Season of 1919, and sincerely trust that we have fully justified our short description in our Foreword as to its being "The Best Ever." As to the future we look forward with confidence that our high position on the playing list will be fully maintained during the coming season of 1920, and that at its close we have every reasonable hope to see the Yellow and Black Flag of our good old Club proudly floating in the breeze over the Richmond Town Hall.

CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN.

During the season the responsible duties of directing the team on the field were carried out in a very satisfactory manner by Mr. W. Thomas (Captain) until his injury, when his duties devolved on Mr. P. Maybury (Vice-Captain), who acted as skipper chiefly in the latter part of the season. While the Vice-Captain was unable to play, owing to influenza, Mr. C. Hall filled the breach and took charge of affairs. That the trinity of players mentioned did their work well and justified the confidence placed in them, the high position of our team bears ample testimony.

THE COACH.

Mr. Norman Clarke filled the very important position of director of affairs at training, and worked hard at getting the players into form for their various engagements, and the success of the team speaks volumes for the efficiency of his methods.

FINANCES.

A full statement of the financial position is disclosed in the statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the past season, and will repay perusal, as showing what very large and important matters the Finances of the Club have now become.

LONG-SERVICE TESTIMONIALS.

Ten Years' Players.—Last season Messrs. B. Herbert, H. James, P. Maybury, S. Reeves, and V. Thorp each completed their tenth year as players of the Richmond Football Club, and have each gone through their arduous term with honor, rendering splendid service to the Club on the field, and also in the committee-room. Not one of the players mentioned has ever been reported for unfair play or breaches of the rules. This is a handsome record indeed, and one that all the players mentioned and the Richmond Football Club feel justly proud of. The Committee have decided as a slight token of appreciation to present each with a cheque for £10/10/- and also the Club's Long Service Testimonial for Ten Years, at the Annual Meeting.

Five Years' Players.—Messrs. H. Alessio, L. Burke, A. Danks, F. Harley, V. Hughes, E. Keggin, and W. Thomas completed their fifth year as players of our Club last season, and, like the ten years' players referred to above, have gone through their periods of play without any blot on their records. Each has given of his best in the interests of our Club, and will each be presented with the Five Years' Certificate of the Club at the Annual Meeting. Altogether twelve players will receive long-service testimonials at the Annual Meeting, and the Richmond Football Club is to be congratulated on having in their colors such sterling types of players as the twelve men referred to.

INTERSTATE REPRESENTATIVES.

The Richmond Club was well represented in the Interstate games last year, M. Hislop and V. Thorp playing in the match against South Australia, at Adelaide; and R. Carew, C. Hall, M. Hislop, and V. Thorp were our contingent in the return match—Victoria v. South Australia, on the M.C.C. Ground. B. Herbert and C. Hall were also chosen to play in the match of the Victorian Football League against Ballarat, at Ballarat. Each of the games in which we were represented was won by Victoria in the Interstate games, and by the V.F.L. team at Ballarat. The play of our representatives in these games was of the best, and undoubtedly one of the factors in the success of the teams that they had the honor of representing Victoria and the Richmond Football Club in.

LIFE GOVERNORSHIP OF MELBOURNE HOSPITAL.

In consideration of the Charity Vote of the Victorian Football League, the nomination of a Life Governor of the Melbourne Hospital became within the gift of the Richmond Football Club. The honor was unanimously conferred on Mr. A. Tietgens, one of our Vice-Presidents, who is also one of our oldest members and supporters. Mr. Tietgens has been with the Club through all its variations of fortune, and well deserved the favor granted.

V.F.L. DELEGATES.

Messrs. W. A. Maybury (Hon. Secretary) and H. R. Palling (Vice-President) were the Club's Delegates to the Victorian Football League, and carried out their various duties in a satisfactory manner.

RICHMOND JUNIORS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

This our "Nursery" Team was organised, and made their "debut" last season, and under the capable direction of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. R. Lewis) has made very fair progress indeed. Although not as successful in the field as the older and more seasoned teams that they had to meet in their competition, they put up some splendid games against the best of them, and with the experience gained have every reason to look for better results in the coming season. The Richmond Football Club Committee have sent a letter to the Juniors' Executive, congratulating them upon the way in which they have conducted their Club's affairs and their success in building up a team as well as they have in their initial season in first-class junior ranks.

"TIGERS" SOCIAL CLUB.

Marked success has attended the operations of the above Club during the past year. With Mr. J. Cook as Hon. Secretary, and Mr. H. Broughton as Hon. Treasurer, and with an energetic Committee to keep things moving, they have kept the social side of the Richmond Football Club to the front. Several "Ladies' Nights" have been held during the year, and "House Full" was the sign displayed at each, singing, dancing and refreshments helping to while away the pleasant evenings, at one of which a splendid piano—one of H. Wertheim's (our local manufacturer) best—was presented to the Richmond Football Club as a gift from the "Tigers'" Social Club. This fine instrument is a great asset to the Club, and the very handsome gift is highly appreciated indeed.

BENEDICTS.

Four of our players—F. Harley, R. Hede, R. Taylor, and D. Moffatt—have taken unto themselves wives during the past year, and your Committee have in each case recognised the good services rendered to the Club by them, in sending along a wedding present with congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life to Brides and Grooms.

RICHMOND JUVENILE BRASS BAND.

Again we are indebted to the above artistic combination for the great pleasure afforded to our patrons by their playing at all of our "home" matches, thereby greatly enhancing the pleasure of the afternoon, and we heartily thank them and their very successful conductor (Mr. J. Dyamond), also their energetic hon. secretary (Mr. W. Hockey) for their many kindly efforts on behalf of the Richmond Football Club.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COLLINGWOOD—LEAGUE PREMIERS, SEASON 1919.

Our hearty congratulations are tendered to the Collingwood Football Club on their attainment of the coveted position of Premiers for Season 1919, and the knowledge that they only won to that eminence after two splendid games with our own team enhances the sincerity of our good wishes. In those great tussles, before the enormous crowds, each contest was indeed one of those where "Greek meets Greek," and every player in the match felt "that stern delight that warriors feel, in foemen worthy of their steel." And now that the fray is over, and the issue decided, we feel confident that when, in the fulness of time our turn comes to be "On Top" as Premiers, the congratulations of the Collingwood Football Club to the "Tigers" will be as sincere and hearty as those of the Richmond Football Club are at the present time to the "Magpies."

TRAINING AND TRAINERS.

During the season the players trained splendidly, and the condition and stamina of the team reflects the greatest credit on our capable Head Trainer (Mr. J. Stokesberry) and his Staff of Assistants—Messrs. B. Jennings, M. Noble, A. Rainford, G. Rainford, F. Watson, and J. Watson—all of whom worked hard and enthusiastically to get the boys "fit," and the success of their efforts was very gratifying and satisfactory to Mr. Stokesberry and those associated with him.

RICHMOND CRICKET CLUB.

Very cordial relations have existed between the Football and Cricket Clubs during the past year. The Richmond Cricket Club have helped us in every way possible, as their handsome donation to our funds of fifty guineas will bear testimony to. The Cricket Club representatives on our Committee—Messrs. J. H. Broughton, H. H. Jones, and (when Mr. Broughton resigned) Mr. H. J. Gill—have attended our Committee meetings regularly, and have always shown the greatest interest and goodwill in the work of the Football Club.

OBITUARY.

We regret to record the death during the past year of one of our most loyal supporters, Mr. Hugh Slattery, who passed away in the prime of life after a short illness. "Hughie," as he was popularly known, was one of our oldest members. A Life Member and for many years a Member of Committee, he was respected and esteemed by all. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family in their time of bereavement and sorrow.

Messrs. George, Harry and Robert Weatherill, well-known members of our team, had also the misfortune to lose their eldest brother—a victim to the influenza scourge. Mr. J. Smith, another of our players, has to mourn the loss of his sister and also his father within the short space of two months. To the players mentioned and their sorrowing families we tender our heartfelt regrets in their time of grief and trouble. Mr. George May, also, one of our old players, passed away very suddenly with pneumonia, supervening after an operation for appendicitis. He took a very keen interest in the team, and was a good worker for the Club, and the news of his death came as a great shock to his old club mates and friends. We extend sincere condolences to his family in their sad loss.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

During the year your Committee held 22 meetings, at which the attendances were:—President—A. Wood, 12. Vice-Presidents—D. Henry, 20; E. H. King, 5; H. R. Palling, 17; F. R. Murray, 2; A. Tietgens, 19. Committee—A. Aarons, 22; J. Cook, 22; T. Delaney, 20; B. Goodwin, 20; J. R. Dickinson, 22; G. McIntosh, 22; J. P. Mulcahy, 16; A. Bettles, 21; P. Maybury, 16; C. Hall, 3 (elected vice J. Shand); J. Shand, 8 (resigned); J. H. Broughton, 11 (resigned); H. H. Jones, 13; H. J. Gill, 3 (elected vice J. H. Broughton). Hon. Treasurer—J. H. Archer, 15. Hon. Secretary—W. A. Maybury, 22.

PLAYERS FOR 1919 AND NUMBER OF MATCHES PLAYED IN. TOTAL GAMES PLAYED, 19.

B. Herbert 19, G. Bayliss 14, P. Maybury 7, W. Thomas 8, H. James 8, V. Thorp 18, R. Hede 10, G. Threlfall 5, S. Morris 15, L. Burke 3, S. Reeves 5, A. Fehring 2, R. Carew 15, D. Moffatt 15, R. Weatherill 13, A. Bettles 14, D. Don 19, J. Shand 4, G. Weatherill 7, P. Dooley 4, C. Hall 19, A. Fewster 2, H. Alessio 2, C. Fehring 9, E. Hood 3, E. Aumann 7, M. Hislop 17, J. Smith 19, W. Stott 7, P. Abbott 15, H. Weatherill 6, F. Harley 8, V. Hughes 14, G. Parkinson 5, F. Huggard, 4.

THANKS TO DONORS.

Your Committee sincerely thank all those who forwarded donations to the Club during the past season, and call special attention to the annual contribution (through Mr. W. Branscombe) of Bosisto and Co.'s widely-known "Parrot Brand" eucalyptus oil for training purposes throughout the season. The splendid quality of the oil supplied was a great aid to our trainers in helping to keep our team in good fettle, and we again thank Messrs. Bosisto and Co. for their generosity in helping us last year in the same practical way that they have aided us during every season since the formation of our Club. To Mr. D. Stewart we are again under compliment for his welcome gifts of toilet requisites during the season, and herewith convey our thanks for favor of same.

LIST OF DONATIONS.

Mr. A. Wood (President)	£3	3	0	Dr. P. Reid	£1	1	0
Mr F. R. Murray (V.-Pres.)	2	2	0	Mr. W. H. Roger	1	1	0
Mr. A. Tietgens "	2	2	0	Mr. H. B. Taylor	1	1	0
Mr. D. Henry "	1	1	0	Mr. H. Towers	1	1	0
Mr. E. J. Cotter "	1	1	0	Mr. F. G. Tudor	1	1	0
Mr. E. H. King "	1	1	0	Mr. C. V. Wallbridge	1	1	0
Richmond Cricket Club	52	10	0	Mr. A. Whitaker	1	1	0
Messrs. Asher and Co.	2	2	0	Mr. J. Garside	1	0	0
Mr. R. Bickle	2	2	0	Mr. J. A. Johnson	0	10	6
Mr. G. May	2	2	0	Messrs. Head and Co.	0	10	6
Dr. Rosenberg	2	2	0	Mr. G. Newlands	0	10	6
Mr. W. J. Bicknell	1	1	0	Mr. F. Howson (National Pictures)	0	10	6
Mr. T. Carmody	1	1	0	Mr. D. Boston	0	10	6
Mr. D. Donnelly	1	1	0	Mr. T. Francis	0	10	0
Mr. J. Jeffrey (Dimmeys)	1	1	0				
Mr. A. A. Keen	1	1	0				
Mr. J. A. Kelly	1	1	0	Total	£89	3	6

APPRECIATION OF SERVICES RENDERED.

We desire to thank the following for the great assistance they have rendered to the Club throughout the season:—Dr. D. Rosenberg, for his kindly attention to injured players, and the many calls on his skilful services. Mr. W. Driver, who, as "first aid," was always on the spot with his remedial treatment when required. Mr. D. Beck, for his prompt

assistance when the accidents of the game called for treatment by massage. Mr. W. Baker, who as timekeeper could always be depended on to be correct to the very tick. Our thanks are also due to Mr. E. H. King, Vice-President, for his kindness throughout the season in placing his car at the service of our injured players to enable them to attend the Finals and other entertainments whenever required. Messrs. T. Delaney and A. Tullis as room stewards saw to the requirements of the players every training evening throughout the season. Mr. W. I. Bicknell, Press Correspondent, kept the scores throughout the season without an error. Mr. D. Bauld as Door Steward was the right man in the right place. Mr. F. Voigt as Boot Studder filled all the demands of his position.

KEWPIES AS SOUVENIRS OF THE GRAND FINAL.

Previous to our team taking the field in the last match against Collingwood Miss Ena Taylor, of Lyndhurst-street, Richmond, very kindly sent along 20 kewpies (one each for the 18 players and secretary and treasurer), each dressed in the yellow and black uniform of the Richmond Football Club, as souvenirs of Richmond's first appearance in a Grand Final for the League Premiership. The little gifts were highly appreciated by the recipients, and three hearty cheers were lustily given for Miss Taylor and her thoughtful little presents.

PRIZE GIVERS AND WINNERS.

The Committee thank the following gentlemen for their generosity in providing prizes for best attendances at training, which have been allotted as follows:—Mr. A. Wood (President), seven prizes of 21/- each to B. Herbert, W. Thomas, P. Maybury, W. Stott, J. Smith, P. Abbott, V. Hughes. Cr. H. R. Palling (Vice-President), two prizes of 21/- each, to V. Thorp, R. Hede. Mr. F. Dowling, pair best boots to G. Bayliss. Mr. J. R. Molyneux, gold medal to D. Don. Mr. P. D. Scriven, trophy to R. Weatherill. Cr. J. H. Robinson (Mayor) prize of 21/- to R. Carew. Mr. F. R. Murray (Vice-President), prize of 21/- to D. Moffatt. Mr. F. S. Smyth, prize of 21/- to M. Hislop. Mr. H. B. Taylor, prize of 21/- to F. Harley. "Limericks" Social Club, two prizes of 21/- each to S. Morris and G. Weatherill. Mr. W. A. Maybury (Hon. Secretary), two prizes of 21/- each to C. Hall and A. Bettles. The Committee also desire to thank Mr. J. Archer (Hon. Treasurer) for his gift of hats to the 18 players in the St. Kilda match, referred to previously; and Mr. J. Wells for his prize of 21/- for best player in match at Carlton, which was won by W. Thomas; also Mr. J. H. Broughton, for 10/6 to D. Don, who got five goals in the same match.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Your Committee at its last meeting elected S. W. Reeves and V. C. Thorp (who have both been playing for ten years) Life Members of the Club. We feel confident that our members will agree that the honor has been well merited in the case of these two earnest workers in the interests of our Club, both on and off the field. Our Life Members' list is now as follows:—J. Charles 1885, J. Eastman 1896, J. J. Stewart 1897, A. Elder 1898, J. H. Egan 1899, W. Malone 1900, W. J. Bicknell 1902, C. Backhouse 1904, A. McNair 1905, G. P. Beachcroft 1906, A. Edmonds 1908, A. A. Manzie 1909, C. Whitaker 1910, J. H. Archer 1912, W. A. Maybury 1912, A. Tietgens 1914, G. McIntosh 1915, J. H. James 1915, R. T. Kelly 1916, W. H. Lohse 1916, B. V. Herbert 1917, P. H. Maybury 1917, S. W. Reeves 1919, V. C. Thorp 1919.

ENTERTAINMENTS TO TEAM.

There was no lack of entertainment for our players last season, as, in addition to the trip to Woodend and the "Tigers'" Social Club

functions, Dr. Rosenberg, on October 1, gave a Theatre Party to the team at Her Majesty's, when a full attendance witnessed "Maytime," and spent a very pleasant evening. On October 8, Mr. F. Howson, of the National Pictures, Bridge-road, invited the Players and Committee and their lady friends to an evening at his theatre, when about 80 availed themselves of Mr. Howson's kindness and witnessed a first-class programme. On October 11, Mr. A. Wood (President) invited the Team and Committee to dinner at the Cafe Francais, Swanston-street, City. There were between 70 and 80 present to enjoy the bountiful provision made for their comfort, and with music, song and story a very pleasant time was spent, and Mr. Wood was congratulated heartily upon the success of the evening. On October 12, Mr. J. Archer took the players for a char-a-banc run to Warrandyte, where tea was provided and a pleasant afternoon spent. The Mayor (Cr. J. H. Robinson), on October 15, was the host at a smoke concert in the Town Hall, Richmond, to the Team and Committee, when there was a full attendance, and with a fine array of talent and ample supplies of refreshments, everything went successfully to the gratification of everyone present. The Team and Committee were next the guests of the Richmond Cricket Club, on December 6, at a Smoke Night in the Pavilion, Yarra Park, where all enjoyed the splendid programme provided and did full justice to the good things set before them. To each and all of our generous patrons who provided the above social functions, we tender our grateful thanks, as it is these acts of thoughtful kindness that help greatly to promote that social and friendly feeling amongst the players which is so essential to success.

THE THOMAS TESTIMONIAL.

During the season it was decided to present a testimonial to Mr. W. Thomas (Captain), who was seriously injured whilst playing at Carlton. Originated by the Richmond Football Club, so many expressed their desire to assist that it was decided to enlarge the scope. A meeting of citizens was called by the Mayor (Cr. H. J. Barcelo) in the Town Hall, and a strong committee formed, with Mr. J. H. Archer as hon. secretary, were instrumental, by means of a Carnival on the Richmond Cricket Ground, Art Union, Bazaar in Town Hall, Concerts, etc., in raising the splendid amount of £650. A balance-sheet and statement of receipts and expenditure will be issued very shortly, when adjustment of accounts is completed, which may possibly show an even larger amount to credit than the £650 already stated. This is easily a record for any testimonial of a similar nature, and speaks trumpet-tongued for the great energy and enterprise put into the good work by Mr. Archer and the Committee. Of the amount raised, Mr. Thomas takes £400, the balance being donated to form the nucleus of a fund for injured or disabled players of the Richmond Football Club, who may need assistance in the future. The Trustees of the Fund are—Mr. J. Archer, Mr. W. Thomas, and the Captain of the Richmond Football Club.

R.C.C. RESERVE RECEIPTS AND THE FOOTBALL CLUB.

Since the season closed your Committee have been conferring with the Richmond Cricket Club, in order to secure a more equitable division of the Reserve takings at football matches. A proposal was made to the R.C.C. Committee that they should divide their net share of the Reserve receipts with the Richmond Football Club, seeing that the R.C.C.'s share of the "gates" last season for matches played at Richmond amounted to £545 more than the Football Club received for their share. The R.C.C. Committee held a special meeting to consider the matter, and unanimously decided—"That the Committee of the R.C.C. having in mind the obligations due to the debenture holders and of certain promises given to them, cannot for the present entertain any application for a

larger percentage of the reserve receipts." This matter will be referred to at the Annual Meeting of our Club on March 10, and a direction to the incoming Committee will be asked for.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held at the Town Hall, Richmond, on Wednesday, March 10, 1920. The chair will be taken by the President (Mr. A. Wood) at 8 p.m. A ballot for the election of office-bearers will be taken from 7 to 9 p.m.

MEMBERS MUST BEAR IN MIND THAT VOTING PAPERS CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED ON PRODUCTION OF 5/6 MEMBERS' TICKETS FOR SEASON 1919. 2/9 TICKETS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE.

During the evening a Musical Programme will be presented. Conductor, Mr. J. Cook.

On behalf of the Committee,

A. WOOD, President.
D. HENRY, Vice-President, Chairman of Committee.
W. A. MAYBURY, Hon. Secretary.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS

SEASON 1920.

President:

*A. WOOD (Unopposed).

Vice-Presidents

(Six to be Elected):

*E. J. COTTER	*E. H. KING
D. H. GRAY	*F. R. MURRAY
*D. HENRY	*H. R. PALLING
M. M. JOYCE	J. H. ROBINSON
J. A. KELLY	*A. TIETGENS

Committee

(Seven to be Elected):

*A. AARONS	*J. R. DICKINSON	W. THOMAS
*J. COOK	*B. GOODWIN	A. TULLIS
W. W. CUMMINS	D. H. GRAY	T. WRIGHT
*T. DELANEY	*J. P. MULCAHY	

Players' Representatives on Committee—Three.

(One other to be appointed):

*A. BETTLES V. THORP

Hon. Treasurer:

*J. H. ARCHER E. H. KING

Hon. Secretary:

*W. A. MAYBURY (Unopposed).

*Office-bearers Season 1919.

5/6 MEMBER'S TICKETS for Season 1919 MUST BE PRODUCED to Poll Clerk to entitle to Ballot Paper; 2/9 Tickets Not Eligible to Vote. Polling from 7 to 9.

The Season at a Glance—Results of Matches for Season 1919

Date.	Richmond versus	Result.	For G.	For B.	For Pts.	Against G.	Against B.	Against Pts.	Goal Kickers.	Where Played	Gate Receipts.
May 8	Essendon	Won	12	19	91	10	11	71	Don 5, Smith 3, Bayliss 2, Threlfall 1, Herbert 1.	Richmond	£36 15 7
,, 10	Geelong	Won	10	6	66	7	9	51	Don 2, Smith 2, Bayliss 2, Threlfall 2, Hall 2.	Geelong	11 11 0
,, 17	Melbourne	Won	11	14	80	7	7	49	Don 1, Smith 1, Bayliss 2, Threlfall 1, Hall 3, R. Weatherill 3.	Melbourne	24 15 6
,, 24	Collingwood	Lost	8	6	54	11	8	74	Smith 2, Hall 2, R. Weatherill 2, Fehring 2.	Richmond	70 12 0
,, 31	Fitzroy	Lost	7	6	48	10	14	74	Don 3, Smith 1, Bayliss 1, Fehring 1, Moffatt 1.	Fitzroy	60 6 0
June 7	South Melb.	Lost	7	20	62	11	16	82	Don 1, Hall 1, R. Weatherill 3, Fehring 1, Moffatt 1.	Richmond	94 7 7
,, 14	St. Kilda	Won	7	9	51	5	12	42	Don 2, Smith 3, R. Weatherill 1, Thomas 1.	St. Kilda	42 11 0
,, 28	Carlton	Won	14	11	95	9	15	69	Don 5, Smith 1, Bayliss 2, Herbert 1, Fehring 2, Hughes 2, R. Weatherill 1.	Carlton	33 8 6
July 12	Essendon	Won	6	15	51	6	10	46	Bayliss 2, Hall 2, Fehring 1, Hughes, 1.	East Melb.	22 18 4
,, 19	Geelong	Won	16	15	111	7	14	56	Don 2, Smith 1, Bayliss 2, Herbert 4, Hall 1, Fehring 3, Hughes 2, Alessio 1.	Richmond	22 4 2
,, 26	Melbourne	Won	9	18	72	7	6	48	Don 2, Bayliss 4, Hall 2, Morris 1.	Richmond	15 0 6
Aug. 9	Collingwood	Lost	9	11	65	11	12	78	Smith 2, Bayliss 2, Hall 1, R. Weatherill 2, Hughes 1, Abbott 1.	Collingwood	60 4 11
,, 16	Fitzroy	Won	6	21	57	3	13	31	Smith 1, Bayliss 2, Hall 2, Maybury 1.	Richmond	88 1 0
,, 23	South Melb.	Lost	4	14	38	6	7	43	Herbert 2, Hall 2.	South Melb.	115 8 4
,, 30	St. Kilda	Won	14	16	100	5	11	41	Don 2, Herbert 1, Hall 3, Moffatt 3, Harley 4, James 1.	Richmond	57 16 11
Sept. 13	Carlton	Lost	5	12	42	7	19	61	Hall 1, Morris 2, Harley 2.	Richmond	122 0 5
			145	213	1083	122	184	916		Practice Matches	5 12 3
Sept. 20											£883 14 0
Semi-Final Oct. 4	South Melb.	Won	10	13	73	9	5	59	Don 2, Smith 2, Bayliss 3, Herbert 3.	M.C.C. Ground	
Final Oct. 11	Collingwood	Won	10	14	74	6	9	45	Don 2, Smith 2, Bayliss 3, Hall 1, Maybury 1, James 1.	M.C.C. Ground	
Gr'nd Final	Collingwood	Lost	7	11	53	11	12	78	Don 2, Bayliss 2, Harley 1, James 2.	M.C.C. Ground	
			27	38	200	26	26	182			

Goal Kickers—Don 31, Bayliss 29, Hall 23, Smith 21, Herbert 12, R. Weatherill 12, C. Fehring 10, Harley 7, Hughes 6, Moffatt 5, James 4, Threlfall 4, Morris 3, Maybury, 2, Abbott 1, Alessio 1, Thomas 1.

Matches Played—19. Won 12. Lost 7.